

New Orleans DA Subpoenas Man Held After Assassination

NEW ORLEANS, La. (AP)—Lavon Martens, arrested here three days after the assassination of President John F. Kennedy and held for "investigation of subversive activities" was subpoenaed by Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison Thursday in his investigation of the crime.

The district attorney also ordered the arrest of Gordon Novel, 29, a former bar owner whom he described as an important material witness for the grand jury considering the case.

Martens, 24, was ordered to appear before the grand jury next Wednesday.

He formerly roomed with the late David W. Ferrie at 3330 Louisiana Avenue.

Martens, Ferrie and Roland Beauport, then 19, were arrested by Garrison's men at the request of the Secret Service and FBI Nov. 25, 1963. Ferrie was booked for being a fugitive from Texas; Martens and Beauport were booked for vagrancy.

POLICE RECORDS show that Martens was held for the FBI and Secret Service "under in-

vestigations of subversive activities."

Garrison said at that time that Ferrie, Beauport and Martens were picked up "in connection with some leads of our own."

All three men were released the next day.

Also subpoenaed Thursday was Donald Dooty, a balding, red-bearded man about 3 1/2 years old. No background information was available on Dooty, and he declined to answer reporter's questions when he went with Garrison's office.

Clay Shaw, former director of the International Trade Mart here, left for the Mississippi Gulf coast Thursday following his indictment by the Orleans Parish grand jury Wednesday night for conspiring to murder Kennedy. Shaw will go on trial here at an undetermined date.

Judge Edward A. Haggerty Jr. will preside.

In an interview with New Orleans television station WDSU-TV two weeks ago, Martens said he had been questioned twice by Garrison's investigators recently

and underwent a lie detector test on one occasion.

Martens said he hoped he would not be subpoenaed and his name "dragged through the streets."

He said he first met Ferrie through the Civil Air Patrol and they became good friends. Martens said he believed he knew all of Ferrie's friends and he had never heard Ferrie mention Clay Shaw or Clay Bertrand. Garrison has alleged that Shaw sometimes used Bertrand as an alias.

Martens said he first met Shaw in 1965 the year Shaw retired as managing director of the Trade Mart. Shaw has denied using an alias.

John Volt, one of Garrison's assistants, said the district attorney's office will extradite Novel once he is found and arrested.

"We will make every effort to get him back as soon as possible," Volt said.

Novel, 29, reportedly was in Chicago when the order for his arrest was approved by Criminal Judge Matthew S. Brennan. Former owner of the Jamaican Village Lounge on the fringe of the French Quarter, Novel said in Columbus, Ohio, Wednesday that he did not intend to return to New Orleans unless guaranteed freedom from "harassment."

Novel told reporters he had helped Garrison in the assassination probe but now felt he was being doublecrossed.

IN THE AFFIDAVIT requesting the arrest order, Garrison's office said Novel severed his business ties here and left the city while under subpoena. The affidavit said Novel should be placed under sizeable bond or the grand jury "will be deprived of a most important and material witness."

Judge Brennan set a bail of \$50,000 for Novel.